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To: Chairman Martin; Commissioners Adelstein, Copps, McDowell, and Tate 6-3-07

Northeast Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services (NDHHS) is New Hampshire's "one stop" resources for services specific to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community and for information about hearing loss. We are dedicated to serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals in an environment that is communicatively unrestrictive and "natural". We are devoted to the provisions of services in a culturally sensitive environment, which promotes independence and productivity. NDHHS seeks to empower and advocate for equal access and opportunity for Deaf and Hard of Hearing citizens of New Hampshire.

Deaf individuals need Video Relay Services (VRS) in order to be able to place and receive phone calls with hearing individuals in their own native language-American Sign Language (ASL). We are writing to strongly urge the FCC to establish a new stable, reliable, and predictable VRS rate for the next three years. We know that a long-term stable rate will directly impact the VRS services that the Deaf community relies upon.

Thank you for taking the time to review this letter.

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